



Indianapolis Sister Cities International 2013 Annual Report



**Indianapolis:
Crossroads
of the World.**

**When you have
a Sister,
you have a
Friend.**

- Cayman Anderson,
7th Grade
Decatur Blue
Middle School





Greetings,

Indianapolis is a diverse cosmopolitan city. I'm proud to report that Indianapolis is connected to the world through our businesses, international students who study in our universities, our sports teams and motor sports, our arts and through the many folks from around the world who now call Indy their home.

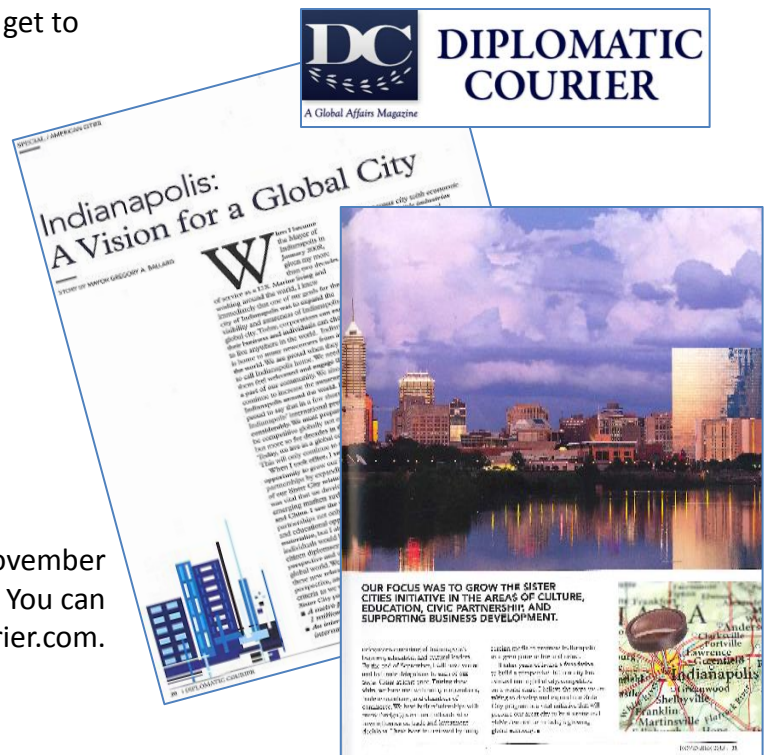
The Sister Cities initiative is one of our key initiatives to promoting Indy as an international city. Through this program we provide strong connections with the rest of the world through education, business and culture.

Indianapolis: Crossroads of the World. We invite you to get to know our city. We are welcoming, inclusive and interested in connecting with you here and abroad.

Sincerely,

Gregory A. Ballard
Mayor, City of Indianapolis

Mayor Ballard was featured in the November 2013 issue of the Diplomatic Courier. You can find this article online at diplomaticcourier.com.





SisterCities
INTERNATIONAL

Connect globally. Thrive locally.

A Note From the Director

Greetings,

2013 was a breakthrough year for the Indianapolis Sister Cities International program. We were thrilled to receive the “Best Overall Program” award in the United States from Sister Cities International (in the category for cities with a population greater than 500,001). This was a significant accomplishment given the expansion of the program began two years ago. Several members of the leadership team attended the International Conference in San Antonio to receive the award.

I was also excited to have been elected to serve a three-year term on the International Board of Directors for Sister Cities International. I look forward to serving at the national level to grow and strengthen the international organization.

Sister Cities International (SCI), headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a nonprofit city-to-city network inspired by President Eisenhower’s suggestion in 1956 that citizen diplomacy might reduce the chance of future world conflict. Today, SCI creates and strengthens partnerships between the U.S. and international communities representing more than 2,500 communities in 135 countries around the world.

We invite you to become a Citizen Diplomat and get involved in this exciting initiative!

Jane Gehlhausen
Director, International & Cultural Affairs
Office of Mayor Gregory A. Ballard



Sister City Leaders, Raju Chinthala, Sherry Dong, Susan Tomlinson along with Peter Kirkwood and Jane Gehlhausen accept the Best Overall Program award at the 2013 Sister Cities International Conference.



Our Sister Cities & Committee Presidents



Northamptonshire County, UK Est. 2009
Jeff Kitchen

Cologne, Germany
Est. 1988
Martin Baier

Piran, Slovenia
Est. 2001
Josef Laposa

Hangzhou, China Est. 2008
Sherry Dong

Indianapolis, Indiana

Campinas, Brazil Est. 2009
Raquel Wood

Monza, Italy
Est. 1994
Paola Santini

Hyderabad, India Est. 2010
Raju Chinthala

Taipei, Taiwan
Est. 1978
Dr. Chao-Hung Lee

Teacher & Student Outreach Committee
Susan Tomlinson, Chair

Sister Cities Fest
Jane Gehlhausen, Chair



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Events & Programs	Sister Cities
415	82
Volunteers	Community Partners

CELEBRATING 35 YEARS

Taipei, Taiwan



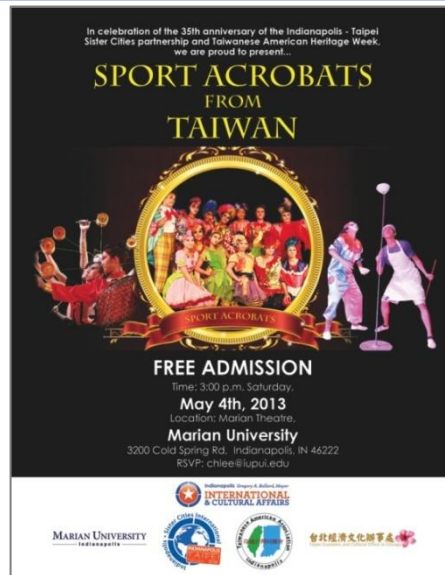
Celebrating an Anniversary

In recognition of the 35th anniversary of the Taipei-Indianapolis Sister City relationship, Sister Cities Int'l presented this commemorative certificate. Taipei became Indy's first Sister City on September 11, 1978.

Taiwanese Acrobats

May 4

Acrobat performers from Taipei Physical Education College performed at Marian University Theatre.



Songs of Taiwan: Formosa, the Beautiful Island

April 7 – 9

Opera singers from Taiwan performed at the University of Indianapolis and Orchard Park Presbyterian Church.



Educational Learning and Exchange

May 10

The committee also shared Taiwanese culture with students at Helen Griffith Elementary in Washington, IN.





The Indianapolis Chamber takes city leaders on their first LEX international trip

September 21 – 26

Nearly 100 of Indianapolis' top business and civic leaders descended upon Cologne, Germany as part of the 25 year anniversary of the Indianapolis' sisterhood with the German city. Meetings were held with Bayer, Rhine Energy and Ford.

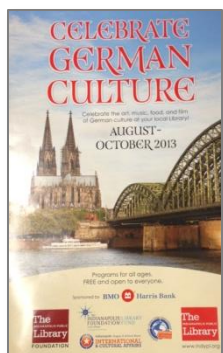
Photos (L) Delegates in Old City Hall, (above) Indy Chamber President Michael Huber, Lord Mayor Roters and Martin Baier.



Indy Library Celebrates German Culture

August – October

The Indianapolis Public Library held an exhibition showcasing German culture, including Cologne.



Jazz Group Visits Indy

October

Andre Nendza and the students from the Open Jazz House School in Cologne offered a live jazz concert at the Indiana State Library, Indianapolis Public Library and other locations.



Vocational Exchanges

April

(L) Cologne Librarian, Cordula Noetzelmann, participates in vocational learning at the Indianapolis Public Library.

October

(R) Indy Firefighter, Jason Kistler, learns German firefighting methods on an exchange to Cologne.



Receptions held for Delegations

September 29 & October 7

(L) Mayor Ballard and the First Lady join Deputy Mayor Angela Spizig, Cologne Volkmar Schultz, Sven Schumacher and Martin Baier at the 25th anniversary celebration dinner at the Columbia Club.

(R) Both the Civic and Jazz Delegation join Mayor Ballard and the First Lady for a reception in the Mayor's Office.



A Taste of Indianapolis

October 1 – 29

The City of Indianapolis was showcased in a large exhibition at the Hangzhou Public Library. The exhibition included city scenes, business, sports, arts, local universities and the Chinese community. The photo boards and display items were contributed by 26 Indianapolis organizations, including three Indiana sports organizations.

A TASTE OF INDIANAPOLIS

Celebrating the 5th anniversary of the Hangzhou-Indianapolis Sister City Relationship

美国印第安纳波利斯印象展
纪念杭州-印第安纳波利斯友好城市建立五周年



Perry Township Advances Relationship with XiaCheng School District

September 18
Perry Township schools hosted a delegation from XiaCheng School District. Below, a Chinese delegation visits with Clinton Young students during their trip to Indianapolis.



Sister Cities Fest

September 14
Hangzhou's Sister City team poses at their booth during the festival.



Lijun Zheng recognized by Mayor Ballard

September 16
Lijun, a Hangzhou team member, was recognized along with 11 volunteers at the Indiana Historical Society for their contributions to our community. A brick will be engraved with each recipient's name and placed at the Mayor's Volunteer Plaza on the 11th St. canal.

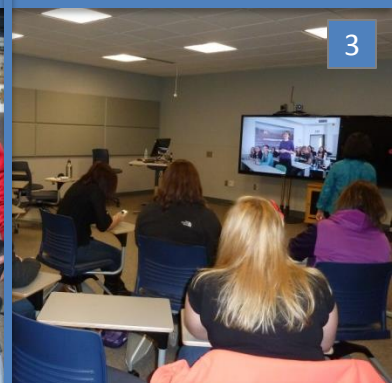
February 6
Nicole Lin, a Hangzhou Sister City committee intern, was recognized with her nomination as intern of the year. She is pictured with her mother during the 7th annual IMPACT Awards sponsored by the State Chamber.



Sister Cities

Connecting to the Community

1. Fancy Chase, Hangzhou Committee practices her calligraphy at the Indy Chinese Fest
2. Mija Lesjak, a Slovenian delegate in Sport Tourism, with Indy 500 champion Mario Andretti
3. IUPUI course on tourism includes distance learning students from Piran, Slovenia
4. Local participants pose at the monthly Desi Happy Hour by the Hyderabad Committee
5. Hangzhou Committee Chair Sherry Dong works with local News Channel 16
6. Indianapolis' Citizen Diplomat Oath
7. Peter Kirkwood appointing Citizen Diplomats - Int'l Festival
8. Mayor & First Lady at the Sister Cities booth - Int'l Festival
9. Campinas Sister City Committee monthly meeting
10. Children learn Sister Cities through fun games - Int'l Festival
11. Mary Kane, CEO of Sister Cities Int'l, presents the Best Overall Program award to Indianapolis



CITIZEN DIPLOMAT OATH

I (STATE YOUR NAME) have the opportunity and responsibility... to improve relations...

between the United States and the rest of the world...

I am a Citizen Diplomat... appointed by Mayor Ballard's Office of International & Cultural Affairs... & the Indianapolis Sister Cities program...

I am committed to do this... for my city, my country and my world....

2013



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12. Indianapolis exhibit at the Piran, Slovenia library showcases our sister city relationship



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13. Paola Santini and Irma Galli in the Monza booth (3rd place) at the Sister Cities Fest



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14. The Taipei Committee created a large display of Taiwan for their Asia Fest booth

15. Sharing Sister Cities Trivia with visitors at the IUPUI Int'l Festival

16. Promoting a Global Indy at the IUPUI Int'l Festival



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17. Mayor Ballard & First Lady with Raju Chinthala at India Day

18. Indy delegates at Sister Cities Int'l Conf. in San Antonio

19. Sister Cities International staff

20. Campinas committee booth at Sister Cities Fest

21. Taiwan booth (2nd place) at Sister Cities Fest

22. Wendy Hsu and Raquel Ward at Campinas film night

23. Hyderabad co-sponsors Anita Lerche event to benefit Christel House



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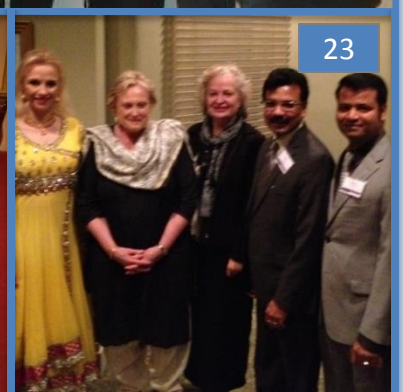
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International Visitors

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Mayor Ballard Promotes Indy as an International City in India

April 12 - 18

Mayor Greg Ballard led a delegation of top business leaders on an economic and cultural trade mission to Hyderabad and New Delhi. The delegation met with several foreign dignitaries, including Ministers of Tourism through the 25th joint meeting of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) Commissions. Mayor Ballard was the only U.S. mayor invited to speak at the Clean Energy Ministerial in New Delhi where more than 20 of the world's leading economies were present.



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY



UK Ambassador attends Indy Chamber event

June 21

Jeff Kitchen, President of the Indianapolis-Northamptonshire County Sister City Committee, presents an Indy 500 racing book.

Below, the Sister City Committee poses with Ambassador Sir Westmacott.



UK Ambassador visits Indy and IUPUI

June 21

British Ambassador Sir Peter Westmacott presented "Brits and Hoosiers: Partners in Prosperity" at IUPUI illustrating the importance of the UK and Indiana's relationship for future economic growth.

and Traveling Delegations

PIRAN



Piran Delegate

March - June
Miha Lesjak,
Lecturer at
University of
Primorska, visits
with Mayor
Ballard during his
three month trip
to Indianapolis.

Guest Book

September 28

Mayor Peter Bossman invites
Director Gehlhausen to sign
the guest book of Piran,
Slovenia in their historic city
hall.



Visit to Hangzhou Foreign Affairs

October 1



Delegation Visits Piran

September 27 - 29

Staff of the City of Indianapolis,
IUPUI and the Piran Sister City
Committee enjoyed a visit to
Piran. The delegation enjoyed
visits to Turistica, the Primorska
University, the salt pans,
Tartini's house, the Golden
Book Signing reception and
more.



During the "Taste of Indianapolis" exhibition
in Hangzhou, city officials from Hangzhou and
Indianapolis met on several occasions.

(Top: L to R)

Sherry Dong, Jane Gehlhausen, Director Du,
Madam Xu and Bonnie Yin Jiarong.

(Bottom) Officials attend the exhibition.

HANGZHOU

MONZA



Officials Meet/ Exchange Gifts

September 25

Mayor Roberto
Scanagatti and Director
Gehlhausen exchange
gifts during the
official meeting at City
Hall.

Delegation Visits Autodromo Nazional Track

September 25

The partnership between Indy and Monza was
established based on the
strength of the motorsports industry. The trip
would not be complete without visiting the track.
(Pictured L to R) Paolo Confalonieri, Jane
Gehlhausen, Irma Galli Johnson,
Bruna Bonzini, Carlo Abba' and Alfredo
Grandi (Autodromo Monza Circuit).



Guest Book

September 25

Irma Galli
Johnson signs
the guestbook
at the
Autodromo
Nazional Track.

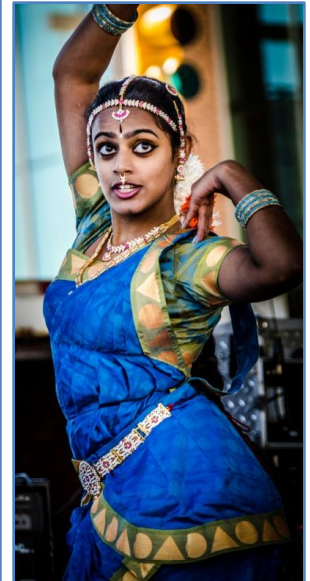




Indy Sister Cities Fest

A Cultural Street Fair
Promoting a Global Indy!

September 14, 2013



By the
Numbers...

4,500
Attendees

7

World Sports

8

Sister
Cities

24

Sponsors

75

Entertainers

24

Exhibitors & Merchants

240

Volunteers



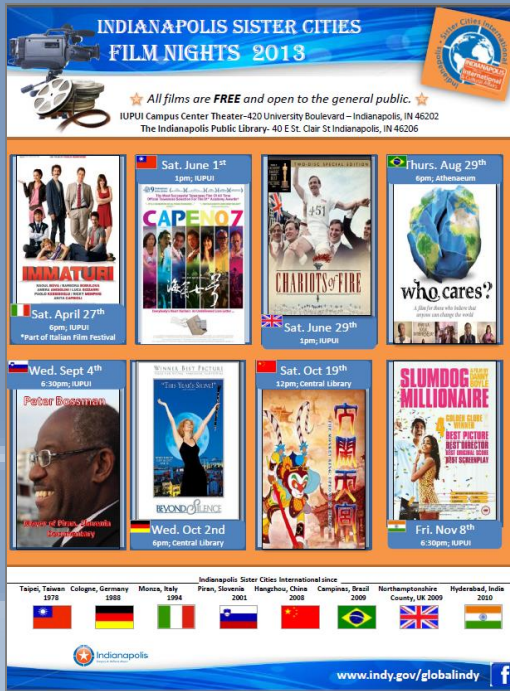
Welcoming Week

We were pleased to partner with the Immigrant Welcome Center as they kicked off Indianapolis Welcoming Week at the Fest! Welcoming week is part of a National program, Welcoming America.

Photos by Andres Arnold



Promoting global learning through the arts



April - November

Each film night included an opportunity to meet others and enjoy a foreign film.

Taipei Film Night (Top) Attendees gather for fellowship and Taiwanese snacks before the showing of *Cape Fear*.

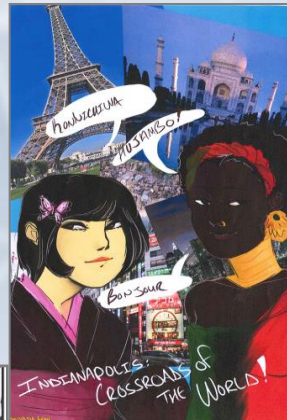
Who Cares? (Bottom) Local humanitarian organizations with connections between Indy and Brazil joined together to discuss their efforts to change the world. Organized with Provocate, participants included: Building Tomorrow, Cultural Cannibals, Timmy Global Health, Indianapolis Brazilian Culture & Portuguese Language Meet-up Group, North Star Capoeira Group, KI Eco Center, Latino Youth Collective, OBAT Helpers and Indiana State University.

Student Poster Contest & Project Fair

We aim to impact and prepare our youth for a global economy.

One initiative is our annual poster contest which promotes Indy as a Global City.

This year, our theme was "Indy, Crossroads of the World!"



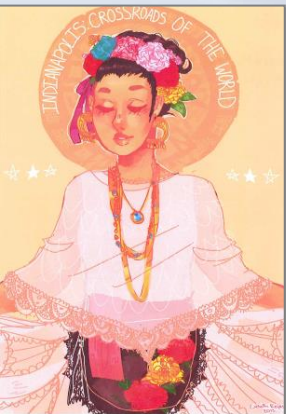
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9th Grade
School: Broad Ripple



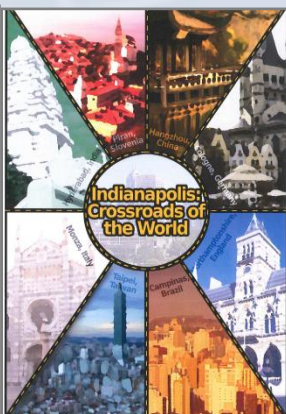
Name: Claudia Lausch
2nd Grade
School: IPS CFI #84



1st Place
(On our Cover)
Cayman Anderson
7th Grade
Decatur Blue Middle School



Name: Lizbeth Rojas
9th Grade
School: Broad Ripple



Name: Emily Nejako
11th Grade
School: Broad Ripple



Name: Celeste Kendrick
5th Grade
School: Valley Mills

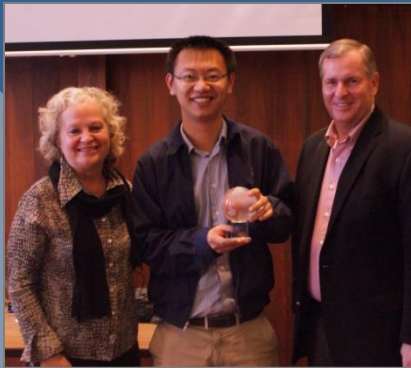
Indy Sister Cities Conference



October 27
Sister City Committees gathered at the Indiana Interchurch Center to discuss possibilities for 2014. Mayor Ballard presented his thoughts on how Sister Cities is an essential program to promote Indy as a Global City. Excellence awards were given in two categories: Operations and Programming. Volunteers who have gone above and beyond were recognized.



Recognition of Excellence



Volunteer of the Year
Chen Chen, Hangzhou, China Sister City Committee
Also Nominated:
Kyle Zhou, Hangzhou
Sravan Patharla, Hyderabad
Drs. Chinghai Kao & Meei Huey Jeng, Taipei



Excellence in Operations
1st place: Hangzhou – Taste of Indianapolis exhibit
Also Nominated:
Taipei - 2013 Events



Excellence in Programming
1st place: Cologne Jazz Musicians
Also Nominated:
Hyderabad – Desi Happy Hour
Taipei – Taiwanese Acrobats
Hangzhou – Education Partnership



Indianapolis Sister Cities International (ISCI) is a non-profit initiative directed by Mayor Ballard's Office of International and Cultural Affairs. ISCI depends on the generosity of corporations and organizations to provide in-kind and/or financial support.

Key supporters in 2013 include:



Other Sponsors and Community Partners:

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Special thanks to the International Center, the city's administrative support partner to the ISCI program.

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Interested in supporting Sister Cities? Contact us at global@indy.gov.



Our Mission

The Indianapolis Sister Cities International program (ISCI) is committed to promoting Indianapolis as a global city. ISCI raises international awareness and understanding through cultural, educational, civic and business engagement and exchange with our international partner cities by empowering private citizens, municipal officials, as well as leaders in the community, business and academia to serve as citizen diplomats and global advocates.

Campinas

Northamptonshire County

PIRAN

Hyderabad

Indianapolis

Hangzhou

TAIPEI

COLOGNE

Monza

